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TEN CENTS A WEEK

## SIGNATURE IS FALSE SAYS MRS. CLEVELAND

Widow of Former President Denies on Stand Her Husband Signed Article Brandenburg Sold.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Mrs. Frances Folsom Cleveland appeared in public yesterday for the first time since her husband's death to testify for the prosecution in the case of Broughton Brandenburg, a magazine writer, who is charged with selling The New York Times a political article purported to have been written by former President Grover Cleveland.

Mrs. Cleveland was dressed in deep mourning, but was self-possessed, though pale, while on the stand. She declared emphatically that the signature to the article in question was not that of her husband. Also she pointed out the differences between the signature and the genuine Cleveland signature as it appeared on several checks which were handed to her.

The former President wrote with a very unsteady hand during the latter years of his life, the witness said, whereas the name signed to the Brandenburg article was written in a comparatively bold, legible hand, more like that of Mr. Cleveland during his younger days in the White House.

When Mrs. Cleveland entered the court room Justice Fitzgerald, Assistant District Attorney Nott and the other court officials arose and bowed low as a mark of respect. A large crowd gathered to hear the testimony of the former "first lady of the land."

Mrs. Cleveland told about meeting John G. Carlisle and F. S. Hastings, an executor of her husband's estate, in this city, and discussing the article which appeared in The New York Times, August 30, 1908, over Mr. Cleveland's signature.

"Did you hear Mr. Hastings say that the signature was genuine?" asked Samuel Bell Thomas, counsel for the defendant.

"No," answered Mrs. Cleveland. "I did not hear him say one way or the other at the time."

"Did you authorize him to say it was genuine?" asked the lawyer.

"No, I did not," said the witness emphatically.

"Did you send a statement to The New York Times in regard to this article?" asked Mr. Thomas.

The witness said she did, and she produced the telegram.

Mrs. Cleveland said she authorized Mr. Hastings to write The Times, and say that they questioned the authenticity of the signature to the article. Mrs. Cleveland said she had received a letter and only one from Mr. Brandenburg in regard to the article, early in August, 1908. She could not remember of ever talking with the defendant over the telephone in regard to the matter.

"Did you read the statement itself when it appeared in The Times?" asked Mr. Thomas.

"Oh, yes; I read it very carefully," Mrs. Cleveland replied.

Mr. Nott related the incident, leading up to the publication of the letter. He said that the State would show that Brandenburg waited until Mr. Cleveland died before he attempted to sell the article purporting to have been signed by Mr. Cleveland.

On redirect examination Mr. Nott asked the witness if she had authorized Mr. Hastings to write The New York Times and say that the signature on the disputed article was genuine. She said she had not. Mrs. Cleveland was then excused.

C. M. Lincoln, Sunday editor of The New York Sunday Times, testified that he had received the "Grover Cleveland" article from Brandenburg about a week before it was published, August 30, 1908. Brandenburg had seen him and talked with him about the article a few days before that. Brandenburg, the witness said, told him it was one of three Mr. Cleveland had promised him to write early in the year bearing upon the campaign, but that sickness had prevented Mr. Cleveland from writing more than the one article.

Court adjourned until Thursday morning.

## DISASTROUS FIRE FROM LIGHTNING

S. P. SHOTTER LOSES STABLE,  
DAIRY AND GRANARY.

Beautiful Country Home of Wealthy  
Naval Stores Man Also Had  
Narrow Escape.

SAVANNAH, June 16.—Lightning which struck the granary at Greenwich Park at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon was the cause of a fire that threatened the beautiful country home of S. P. Shotter, president of the board of directors of the American Naval Stores Company. The granary, mule stables and dairy were destroyed.

While the Shotter family was at dinner the members were startled, and almost stunned by the blinding flash of lightning and crash of thunder. The bolt had struck the northwest corner of the granary, 100 yards west of the home. Miss Belle Shotter ran through the heavy rain to the stables, where she helped direct the fight on the flames, which immediately broke forth.

W. S. Powell, one of the employees at Greenwich Park, was the first to gain the roof of the granary after it was struck. He declared that the lightning had struck a straight path downward through the entire building, and the woodwork between the tin roof and the metal lining of the interior had taken fire. Under Mr. Powell's direction the hastily gathered volunteer department fought furiously against the onslaught of the blaze, but in vain. The driving rain had no effect in quenching the fire.

## NEGRO LYNCHED NEAR ARCADIA ON TUESDAY

ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT  
CAUSED QUICK JUSTICE.

Negro Was Found Near the Scene of  
Crime and Lynched an Hour  
After Brutal Act.

TAMPA, June 16.—Word reached here just before the telegraph offices at Arcadia were closed that a negro was lynched there late yesterday afternoon for an attempted criminal assault on Mrs. P. R. Reed, wife of a prominent citizen of Arcadia. A posse was formed as soon as the news of the attempted crime spread and within an hour the negro was captured within a short distance from the scene of the crime and lynched. This makes the second lynching for attempted criminal assault in this section in the last six weeks.

## CAN'T BUY WHISKEY ON CREDIT IN GEORGIA

ATLANTA, Ga., June 16.—In an opinion rendered Tuesday, the court of appeals holds that a transfer of whisky, upon a promise of pay at some future day, constitutes a legal sale, and is therefore in violation of the prohibition law. W. S. Finch of Rome was convicted of violating the statutes, and appealed the case on the ground that he received no money for the whisky he was alleged to have sold. This point was overruled, but the court reversed the decision because of the introduction at the trial of irrelevant testimony calculated to be prejudicial, and Finch will get a new trial.

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## PHILIPPINE TARIFF IS DISCUSSED IN SENATE

Senator Bacon of Georgia Engages in Colloquy With  
Senator Aldrich in Discussing Measure.

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Declaring that tobacco grown in the Philippine Islands was unfitted for the American market because of inferior quality, Mr. Bulkely of Connecticut opened the day's debate in the Senate.

He opposed the Philippine tariff amendment and insisted that its enactment into law would do the Philippines no good.

"Teach them," he said, "that the way to make a market for their tobacco, sugar or anything else is to produce a superior quality and there will be a natural demand for them."

Mr. Bulkely offered an amendment providing that the 300,000 gross tons of wrapper tobacco and filler tobacco to be admitted to the United States from the Philippine Islands free of duty shall be "unstemmed," that number of cigars to be admitted free shall be 70,000,000 instead of 150,000,000 and that the amount of free filler tobacco shall be reduced from 1,500,000 pounds to 1,000,000 pounds.

Senators Penrose, Jones and Fletcher approving this proposed change as satisfactory to the tobacco interests of their States, Senator Aldrich promptly on behalf of the finance committee accepted these amendments.

An extended colloquy between Senator Bacon and Senator Aldrich occurred with reference to the duty that would be lost because of the free entry of 70,000,000 cigars.

Mr. Aldrich said that he could not speculate upon any loss of revenue on account of the free entry of cigars because he did not know what quantity of such cigars would pay duty.

Mr. Bacon asked why it was thought

necessary to make such a provision for 70,000,000 if the cigars would not actually be brought into the country. Mr. Aldrich replied: "It is to encourage a people who are under the United States flag."

Mr. Bacon insisted that such legislation as was proposed by the committee would only bind the Philippine Islands to the United States to the detriment of the Philippines.

Mr. Foster announced his intention of presenting an amendment to the committee's Philippine section. This announcement prevented a vote being taken immediately on the committee's proposition and Mr. Owen was recognized to make a general speech on the tariff.

A new schedule assessing duties on silk and silk goods was submitted. The substitute for the House provision was offered by Mr. Aldrich for the finance committee.

Upon motion of Mr. Aldrich, the committee amendment reducing the duty on unmanufactured sulphate of baryta of barytes from \$1.50 to 75 cents per ton was disagreed to, the higher House rate being retained.

Mr. Aldrich also reported from the committee on finance amendments reducing the duties on the window glass schedule. The reductions as stated by Mr. McCumber made the rates below those of both the Dingley and the House bill.

Complying with the wishes of both Senators Scott and Dick, the window glass amendment was allowed to lie over until tomorrow.

Another amendment offered by Mr. Aldrich and adopted, reduced from 25 to 20 per cent ad valorem the duty on osier and willow for basket making.

## Quit Salvation Army For Career of Crime

PARIS, Ill., June 16.—Thomas McCarty, known as "Red, the Bad," a paroled convict from the Indiana State prison, is under arrest here on three charges of burglary and theft.

McCarty was paroled by Governor Marshall, and has a Bible inscribed as a gift from Governor and Mrs. Marshall. He has been ostensibly engaged in Salvation Army work and since his arrival here several days

ago has been staying at the home of Captain Charley Smith, of the local Salvation Army corps.

Monday night he stole a sum of money from Captain Smith, it is alleged, and took a bicycle, which he abandoned a few miles out of town, owing to the punctured tire. He returned to this city and when arrested was trying to dispose of another wheel, which, it transpired, had been stolen from a dealer at Terre Haute.

## New Counterfeit Bill Now in Circulation

WASHINGTON, June 16.—A new counterfeit \$5 note, so crude in workmanship that it cannot escape detection by the eyes of a careful handler of money, has just been discovered and reported to the secret service bureau.

The note purported to be of the series of 1907 and bears a portrait of Andrew Jackson. It is a poor photo-mechanical production on a single piece of paper. No attempt was made to imitate the silk threads of the genuine and all the fine work is badly blurred.

The counterfeit first came to the

notice of an employee of the Irving National Bank of New York City, and a report of the matter was sent to Chief Wilkie. An investigation was at once inaugurated in an effort to ascertain the source of the spurious money.

Picnic Greeting.

Editor Sun: Please allow me space to announce through the columns of The Sun that there will be a picnic at Oak Grove school house on June 25. Everybody is invited to come and bring their baskets well filled with good things to eat. K. W.

Hawthorn, June 16.

## Little Watermelons Have Been Introduced

WASHINGTON, June 16.—Individual watermelons about the size of a cantaloupe, of delicious flavor, in color yellow and red, which can be grown in any section of this country, have been introduced through the department of agriculture by Horace G. Knowles, former American minister to Roumania, who discovered them in the foothills of the Carpathian mountains in Roumania.

For use in hotels, restaurants, clubs, on dining cars and elsewhere, the new arrival will fill a long felt want. Extensive experiments have been

made by the department through its numerous stations, which prove that climatic conditions, soil, etc., in practically all parts of this country are adapted to the growth of the melon.

This season a large quantity are being raised by the Government for the purpose of seed propagation and for the introduction to the public.

It is proposed to name the new melon Princess Marie, in honor of the crown princess of Roumania, whose guest Mr. Knowles was when he discovered the melons.

## Is Sent to Sing Sing For Theft of Penny

NEW YORK, June 16.—Thomas Qualle was standing in front of a Fulton street lodging house one night six months ago, gazing at the last penny he had in the world, which

he held in his hand, when John Curran snatched it from him and ran away.

Curran was yesterday sentenced to two and a half years in Sing Sing prison for the theft.